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Siblings crowned BCYF king, queen

Brother and sister duo Annabelle Shall and Zachary Shall of Watervliet were crowned king and queen of the Berrien County Youth Fair Friday, Aug. 8, in the fair's Grandstand.

First runner up to the king is Benjamin Monroe of Niles and first runner up to the queen is Evelyn Furst of Buchanan.

The new royalty has had a busy week serving as public relations representatives of the fair, handing out ribbons and trophies, and attending ceremonies and concerts throughout the week, in addition to showing their exhibits.

Annabelle is an 18-year-old homeschool graduate and will be heading to Grand Valley State University in the fall. She is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She has entered a variety of exhibits in the poultry, rabbit, home economics, flower and craft departments. She is the daughter of Rick and Melissa Shall

Zachary is a 16-year-old homeschool student with plans to go to law school. He has entered a variety of exhibits in the poultry, rabbit, home economics and craft departments. He is the son of Rick and Melissa Shall.

2025 Royalty

Evelyn is a 16-year-old student at Buchanan High School. She plans to be in a CTE program and minor in business. She shows in the goat, poultry, rabbit and craft departments. She is the daughter of Dale and Kristin Furst.

Benjamin is a 19-year-old student at Lake Michigan College. He plans to become a welder or an electrician. He shows in the goat, crafts and communications departments. He is the son of Jordan and Katy Monroe.

Just before the king and queen contest, the Berrien County Youth Fair held its 13th annual Prince and Princess Contest. The contestants were aged anywhere between 9 and 12 years old and were required to be a current BCYF exhibitor. Kassidy Camp of Niles and Corey Fillmore of St. Joseph will serve as this year's BCYF princess and prince.

Duties of the princess and prince have included attending various ceremonies and serving as public relations representatives.

Kassidy is 10 years old. She shows in the sheep and swine departments. She is the daughter of Jaclyn and Korey Camp.

Corey is 12 years old. He shows in the poultry, rabbit and goat departments. He is the son of Rebecca and Michael Fillmore.

The 2025 Berrien County Youth Fair runs until Saturday, Aug. 16. — STAFF REPORTS

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Berrien County Health Department invites parents, caregivers and children to back-to-school bash

FREE EVENT ON AUG. 21 IN BENTON HARBOR OFFERS SCHOOL-REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS, HEARING, VISION AND DENTAL SCREENINGS, GAMES AND GIVEAWAYS

The Berrien County Health Department is inviting parents, caregivers and their school-age children to its annual Back-to-School Bash on Thursday, Aug. 21 at BCHD's Benton Harbor location, 2149 E. Napier Ave.

From 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., BCHD staff will provide state-required immunizations for all school-age children as well as hearing and vision screenings for children entering kindergarten on a first-come, first-served basis. Some costs may apply for immunizations. The outdoor circus-themed event will also feature games and giveaways as well as cotton candy and popcorn while supplies last.

The Back-to-School Bash is free to attend and is sponsored by Honor Credit Union, which also is providing drawstring bags for the first 250 attendees. Also during the event, Van Buren Dental will offer dental screenings and giveaways.

"As summer winds down, we're inviting families to kick off the school year in a fun and meaningful way," said Melisa Jordan, BCHD's hearing and vision coordinator. "Our Back- to-School event offers school-required immunizations and hearing, vision and dental screenings to help make sure kids are healthy and ready to succeed in the classroom from day one."

Other BCHD programs and community partners will be at the event providing information about their specific services and resources for children and families, including:

- BCHD Lead Services
- BCHD Women Infants and Children
- Benton Township Fire Department
- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Southwest Michigan
- Flowers Early Learning
- Meridian Health

For more information about BCHD's immunization services, visit www.berriencounty.org/639/immunizations.

— STAFF REPORTS

Those who are hardest to love need it the most.
— Socrates

Registration now open for September Gardening School

A two-day Gardening School, open to the public, will be held at Harbert Community Church, which is located at 6444 Sawyer Road in Sawyer, Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13.

Hosted by the River Valley Garden Club, the subjects include plant diseases and garden pests, irrigation and water, lawn and alternatives, and growing fruits and vegetables.

Presenters will be from Michigan State University Extension, Michigan State University, Purdue University and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.

"The classes offer new information for established gardeners as well as an introduction to gardening for beginners," said Elizabeth Palulis, president of River Valley Garden Club.

Sponsored by Michigan Garden Clubs, the registration fee for the two days is $60 for garden club members and $75 for nonmembers. The sessions include a continental breakfast and lunch each day.

To attend, please register and pay in advance at migardenclubs.org. Registration is limited to 60 and closes Aug. 29.

For more information regarding registration, visit migardenclubs.org. For questions, contact Elizabeth Palulis at evpalulis@yahoo.com.

Anyone with an interest in gardening is always welcome at the River Valley Garden Club. The club has field trips, guest speakers, a member's plant auction, and hands-on workshops in addition to the annual plant sale and monthly meetings. The club is also involved in service projects throughout the year. Members come from Indiana and throughout southwest Michigan.

For more information, visit www.rivervalleygardenclub.org. — STAFF REPORTS

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Former mayor on bicycle hurt in motor vehicle collision

BY STAN MADDUX

A former mayor of La Porte who later became a member of the governor's cabinet is recovering from injuries suffered when struck by a motor vehicle on her bicycle in the city's downtown area.

Blair Milo, 42, was taken by ambulance August 11 to nearby Northwest Health hospital with swelling to her left knee and injuries to her left shoulder and arm, according to La Porte Police.

Attempts to reach Milo for comment were unsuccessful.

In a Facebook post, her mother, Fran Milo, reported she was released from the emergency room a few hours later with her arm in a sling.

Milo also said her daughter suffered no broken bones but she expects pain and soreness to be an issue for her over the next several days.

"She's gonna hurt a bit," she said.

Police said the investigation shows Milo was crossing D St. on her bicycle just before 6 p.m. when struck by a 2013 Volkswagen Jetta.

The vehicle heading west on 1st St was turning left onto D St. when the front bumper collided with the bicycle, which was left not ridable from extensive damage, police said.

Milo from the impact wound up on the hood of the vehicle operated by Cheyenne Hester, 26, also of La Porte.

"She wasn't expecting to be a hood ornament," Fran Milo stated in her post.

Police said Hester failing to yield the right of way was a factor in the collision.

Hester was also cited for not having insurance on her vehicle, police said.

Milo became the youngest mayor in the city's history after elected in 2011 and was reelected four years later.

She was nearly midway through her second term when she left to become the state's first Secretary of Career Connections and Talent under then governor Eric Holcomb.

Milo also served as a member of Holcomb's cabinet working to upgrade the state's workforce through education and training.

In 2021, Milo, a U.S. Navy veteran, stepped down from her state government position which made part of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to make it easier for businesses to connect with talent and meet hiring goals.

A year later, Milo ran for Congress but lost in the republican primary for the seat currently held by democrat Frank Mrvan.

Milo, an avid bicyclist, promoted physical fitness as mayor with events that included weekly "Fitness Fridays," where as many as 100 citizens or more sometimes joined her on a 5K route to run or walk starting at City Hall.

Mayor Tom Dermody said the accident should serve as a reminder for all drivers to pay close attention to all forms of traffic, including school buses with the fall semester in many schools beginning or about to begin.

"I'm very sorry to hear that happened. I wish Blair a quick recovery," he said.

SCHOLASTICS

New Buffalo school board approves language arts, elementary counselor hires

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The New Buffalo Area Schools Board of Education approved the hiring of two new staff members, both of whom hail from Bridgman Public Schools, at their Monday, Aug. 11, meeting.

Board members approved Ann Geraci for the middle school language arts department, pending background check, and Melissa Teed as elementary school counselor.

In addition to Bridgman, superintendent Adam Bowen said that Geraci spent several years in Illinois.

Recently, she'd been teaching ninth grade ELA at the high school, which she'll also be teaching.

Bowen said that Geraci will be teaching "more advanced classes" at the middle school level, as the position is for seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

"She'll be supporting our advanced learners as well as on grade level learners," he said.

Teed has been in education for about 25 years and has experience in Dowagiac as well as Bridgman. She'll be replacing Keri Haskins, who will move onto the high school after the retirement of counselor Lisa Price.

Board members approved the district purchasing property located at 11137 Abbey Lane in New Buffalo for $83,500.00, for the purpose of the Building Trades program.

Board members approved the July 2025 Thrun Policy updates. Bowen said the affected policy is 5407, which had several language changes, as well as the addition of 5407 F, which is an opt out form for curriculum.

Bowen said that the governing board for the newly formed Berrien County Insurance Consortium has selected five insurance plans that will be available during Open Enrollment in November. New insurance rates should be available from MESSA at either the end of this month or the beginning of September.

Bowen said the consortium, which is the fifth one in the state, was formed because districts like New Buffalo "continue to get hit with pretty substantial increases" and that its formation will cause rates to stabilize. It will also offer more "financially appeasable, approachable plans" for some of the support staff and that there will be upgrades to ancillary services, like dental and vision.

"It was a lot of work, but we made it to the finish line and hopefully we'll be able to reap the benefit for many, many years to come," Bowen said.

With regards to the district's strategic plan, Bowen said that their onsite coach leader from Studer Education visited them last week. The plan is now "dropping down to all the departments," he said, and the building department will be creating a scorecard that will "feed directly into" the district's strategic plan.

Board members approved John Haskins to be their representative to the Local Revenue Sharing Board and to apply for a seat to be on the board.

Board members learned Bowen had approved the following hires: Kimberly Gingell, middle school soccer coach; Sarah Steward, kitchen worker; Jill Geiger, kitchen worker; Alana Boothe, elementary noon hour aide; Susan Seifert for seventh grade volleyball and Jordan Williams, middle school football.

Board members learned of the resignation of Julie Wamser as full-time pre-kindergarten paraprofessional, effective immediately.

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

While the Cubs continue to tread water, the Brewers continue to be on fire.

Over the last 40 games, the Cubs have won 21 games and lost 19. To be more mediocre would certainly be difficult. On the other hand, the Brewers have won 31 games while losing only nine. Having a stretch of 40 games where you win 31 of them is not an everyday occurrence.

Often, after playing so well for a long stretch of games a natural return to the norm follows, and the Cubs and their fans hope that this is about to happen this year, too. If the Brewers don't slow down, the chances of the Cubs winning their division are poor and they would have to battle to get into the playoffs via the wild card.

There are still 45 games remaining in the regular season, so there is still time for the Brewers to cool off and the Cubs to get hot, but waiting much longer wouldn't be smart.

As of this writing, the Brewers are five and a half games ahead. Personally, I'm glad the Cubs didn't trade their top prospects to try to win their division this season.

Meanwhile, there was an interesting baseball happening off the field. This off the field story was about Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros.

I just did some searching and discovered that the story was a fake. Why anyone would want to fabricate a story that portrayed Louis Vuitton employee's declining to allow Altuve to enter their store because of the way he looked is beyond me. That story isn't even original. The movie "Pretty Woman" starring Julia Roberts had a scene with the same message.

So as Altuve was hitting the 250th home run of his career and helping many Texas flood victims pay for the funerals of their lost loved ones, some knucklehead puts out a completely untrue story. Come on people.

The NFL season is only a few weeks away. Sunday, the Bears and the Dolphins battled to a 24-24 exhibition game tie. Not that I expected anything else, but the Bears didn't play many of the players that will represent the team when the regular season begins.

They also played a very vanilla offense. Even though the Dolphins did play their quarterback to begin the game, the Bears declined to do so. I understand that coaches don't want to risk injuries during practice games and they also don't want teams to know anything about how their offense and defense will look once the regular season begins, but I wish the current thinking would change.

I couldn't be happier that Ben Johnson is coaching the Bears and he knows a million times more about football and this Bears team than I do, but I hope he plays quarterback Caleb Williams at least a little before the regular season begins.

Ayn Rand said, "The question isn't who is going to let me, it's who is going to stop me."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

There is truth in wine and children. — *Plato*

Myron Perman Nature Preserve the site of upcoming hike

Hikers will explore Myron Perman Nature Preserve Saturday, Aug. 23.

Leader Pat Fisher, president of Harbor Country Hikers, will share some of the local glacial history and point out several physical features that are direct results of our latest glacial event. This is the first time the Harbor Country Hikers have hiked the Myron Perman Nature Preserve. This 45-acre property includes farm fields, wetlands, and hiking trails through a sprawling beech-maple forest. Other notable features include an abundance of spring wildflowers, an on-site cabin (no public entry), and impressive plant biodiversity.

The 1.2-mile hike begins at 10 a.m. and should last up to two hours. The hike is rated moderate, with several climbs.

Although membership is preferred, all are welcome to attend this hike. Dress for the weather, wear a sun hat and sturdy shoes or boots, and bring plenty of water.

For more information, including driving directions to the Myron Perman Nature Preserve visit the Hikers' website, www.harborcountryhikers.org, or its Facebook page. — STAFF REPORTS

Celebrate Eddie Gaedel at annual meeting

The Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Eddie Gaedel Society #1/8 will hold its sixth annual meeting Tuesday, Aug. 19, at The Bungalow in Galien, Michigan.

Arrive early and order/pay on your own from the Bungalow menu, which has the best bar burgers in Michiana. Peanuts in the shell will be provided by the Eddie Gaedel Society.

The Eddie Gaedel Day program begins at 6 p.m. It will be followed by short baseball story sharings from those present. Team Trivia will begin around 7 p.m. Stay and play or watch.

Eddie Gaedel T-shirts will be available for $20, in colors of orange or brown, which would be a great gift to yourself or your baseball loving friends.

We celebrate Eddie because he did something all of us wanted to do growing up...he appeared in a Major League game. Learn more about Eddie and his St. Louis Browns on Aug. 19. — STAFF REPORTS

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Annual benefit celebrates founders of COL

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Guests were transported back to where it all began at the benefit for Chikaming Open Lands (COL), "Cocktails and Coreopsis," Saturday, Aug. 9.

The benefit was held at Jeanie Van Nice's 10-acre property, which features a restored prairie with woodlands and paths that crisscross it, in Lakeside, Michigan.

It was at the kitchen table inside of the home of Jeanie and her late husband, Peter, on the property where they, along with Steven and Jean Smith, founded COL, COL Executive Director Ryan Postema said.

COL is working to acquire a tract of land, which will be called The Founders Preserve, that will honor all four of its founders.

Postema said that COL went through a process before "ultimately settling on making an offer on a property on Three Oaks Road that is 87 acres of forests and wetlands on old agriculture fields."

Once the acquisition is complete, trails and a parking area will be developed.

The acquisition process began earlier this summer, with the goal of raising $1.2 million for the purchase and stewardship of the property. Postema said they'd received a $250,000 grant from the Carl's Foundation and had raised almost $700,000.

The event included a silent auction and raffle, and a Paddle Raise auction, where funds went toward the acquisition.

Ahead of the Paddle Raise, Janis Kanter, who hosted the event last year with her husband, Tom McCormick, said they were doing a matching grant for $50,000.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 12, COL Development Specialist Lolly Roberts said the benefit had raised a little over $200,000.

Jeanie said that Peter had a "very clear vision" of how the property, which had been in the family for four generations, should look.

"When he looked at an open field, he envisioned a prairie; when he looked at some open space he thought of it as a place to plant native trees," she said.

The property took on a "new life" over the years, Jeanie said, which necessitated the reduction of the size of the lawn and removal of invasive plants. Peter ensured that the plants were native to Berrien County, which required a lot of research.

COL's origins began on a similar path as the transformation of their property: "small, with a clear vision."

"Today it continues to grow, supported by the commitment of its members and its leadership," Jeanie said.

Steve Smith said that Peter's vision stretched further than "just a prairie and forest between Lakeside Road and Lake Michigan."

"He had a vision to establish this land trust, Chikaming Open Lands, to protect, preserve and improve the land of southwest Michigan," he said.

He said Peter and Jeanie convinced him and Jean to join COL "to give our voices to protect the land, since the land can't protect itself."

Steve said he believes that the land can speak for itself, though.

"If you walk this prairie tonight - the prairies and the forest - you may hear the voices of the land, they will speak to you if you just listen," he said.

Emily Coolidge, who's the Smith's daughter and vice president of COL Board of Directors, said that Maya Angelou said the following: "Don't leave this life without doing something incredible for humanity."

"I believe that Jeanie and Peter, Mom and Dad – you have done something pretty spectacular for humanity…I'm honored to be part of a legacy of this organization to see the seeds that our founders planted and to see where this organization is today is incredible," she said.

COL's supporters are also part of its legacy.

"You come onto our preserves, and you volunteer and cut back native species you attend our educational programming learning about bats or native birds or how to get more hummingbirds to come to your yards," Coolidge said.

"You also donate with your resources, and you enable us to continue to grow and do what we do, and so far that I'm very, very grateful," she added.

For more on COL, visit www.chikamingopenlands.org.

Janis Kanter speaks to the crowd with her husband, Tom McCormick

Guests enjoy beverages from The Wandering Mule mobile service bar

COL Executive Director Ryan Postema welcomes guests

Swing 33 provided the live entertainment

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Young thespians star in 'The Jungle Book'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A fresh crop of young thespians wrapped up the third season of The Acorn Dramatic Arts (TADA) camp at The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts Friday, Aug. 8.

This year, 14 campers put on a production of "The Jungle Book" for family and members of the community.

As a result of the support from the VanDerhoff Family Fund in honor of Sedona Tubbs, the performance was free to the public. The camp experience was also free for all participants.

"It's a really a treat to be able to give that to our community," Michael Bond, the camp's programming director and The Acorn's senior production manager, said.

He added that the four-week camp was held so that children "from every experience level can come in and build this production from the ground up." Campers also designed "The Jungle Book" T-shirts for the production.

"They came in and did sets, did costumes, memorized a whole script and we did our casting," Bond said.

Having acted in various theater production in the area, Bond said he was pleased to see how the campers bonded.

"In previous years, I've seen them with a little project, and they'll go from one spot to another, and it'll be a little cluster of campers - but this has become a very tight knit group of kids," Bond said.

Camp director Cassidy Vlietstra, who's been directing the camp for the past three years, said that the campers initiated a group text.

"All the kids have really bult friendships with each other and I think you can see that in the quality of performance that they put on," Vlietstra, who teaches a theater program at The Drama Spot in South Bend, said.

Campers, who ranged in age from third grade to 12th grade, came from New Buffalo and Three Oaks as well as Stevensville, St. Joseph, Michigan, and Chicago. Campers came saddled with experience from the different productions that they've put on at their respective schools.

This year's play came to The Acorn from AlphaBet Soup Productions out of Indiana. Vlietstra said that they chose "The Jungle Book" because it offered many role options for the campers.

Bond gave credit to members of The Acorn's board of directors, board chair Janet Davis, Amy Black and Kathy Sprau, as well as volunteer Rasa Lakas, for helping with this year's camp.

"It really is a very collaborative effort to get this all set," he said.

Meena Human Mother, portrayed by Delfina, takes the stage

Bagheera The Panther (portrayed by Lois) talks with Rasha a Young Boy (portrayed by Naya)

The entire ensemble does a number during a performance

The cast of 'The Jungle Book'

'MOVIE SONGS' SING-ALONG ON TAP IN THREE OAKS

Get ready to sing your heart out under the summer sky at a free, family-friendly "Movie Songs" sing-along at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Spring Creek Stage, located at the Arts and Education Center, 14 Maple Street, Three Oaks, facing Dewey Cannon Park. In case of rain, the event will be held the following Thursday, Aug. 28.

Hosted by the Harbor Country Singers, this lively community event will feature timeless tunes from beloved films, including "Over the Rainbow," "Born Free," "I've Had the Time of My Life," and "Hopelessly Devoted to You", among many others. Songbooks with lyrics and music will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets for a comfortable evening on the lawn.

The sing-along will be led by Harbor Country Singers members Donna Mitchell, Lance Olson, Pat Putnam, and Diane Ruzevich, along with River Valley Senior Center Choir members Michael and Janet Rosen. They'll be joined by a talented trio of local musicians: Maggie Martin, HCS director, on piano; Ryan Cid, School of American Music instructor, on guitar; and Joel Cooper on bass.

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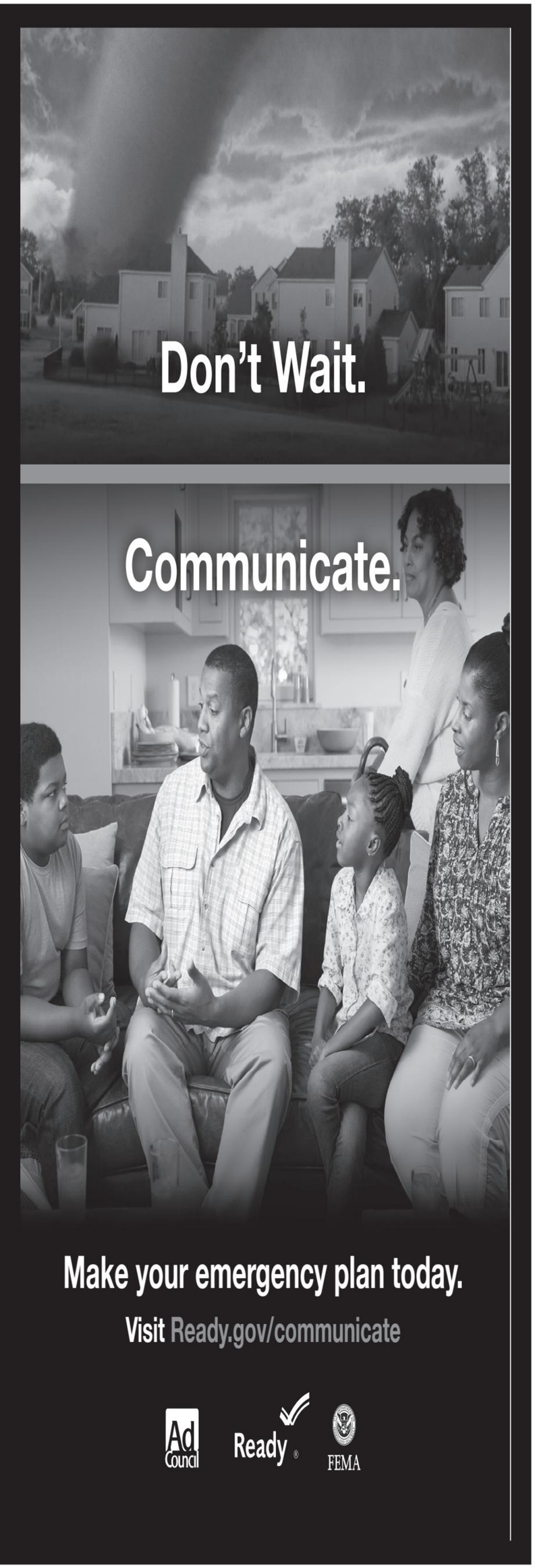

A Day in the Life

APPROPRIATENESS IS TOO OFTEN AN UNMET CHALLENGE...

BY LAWRENCE VON EBELER

Boredom is an affliction that can be dealt with. I seldom have it. Due to circumstances that I don'tcare to go into, I don't have a working TV. I do have a computer but the audio is not working and I can't get it working until a friend comes to fix it ! I am too dumb to fix it.

I am a news junkie though, and so this is a real void in my daily habits, and especially right now with so much going on in the hyper-news world. I shamefully admit that I watch several hours a day on regular news days, but of late there are no regular news days. I shamefully admit to three hours of newscasts on a good day, depending on what you call a good day. My good day's news is when it's particularly bad. It's not that I love bad news but I do like to stay on top of things and it's tough to do when the news cycles are as fast as they are these days with the instant access that is now often the case with all of the technological advances that are available today including the "AI" factor that is going to revolutionize everything in the broadcasting world again. I for one don't want any more advances in broadcasting the news. Enough is enough already! Gone are the days when the news broadcasts were produced in a visually sophisticated newsroom with highly paid news "stars" who were godlike in the industry. Now we get broadcasts from the actual source of the issue, an issue in any country has an immediate response time from the country itself. Many broadcasts are from the correspondent's hotel room or on the street on any part of the globe! Some reporters do it from their kitchens here at home. We are certainly in an age of broadcast changes and no one is for certain where we go from here!

In the meanwhile I am getting no news, no entertainment, nothing with sound because not even my computer which I mentioned needs to be worked on, so I watched four episodes of America's Got Talent without sound and it's very difficult making any judgment on the talent without the distinct advantage of sound. It brings a whole new perspective, including their costumes. The man performing tonight, according to my judgment of his performance, failed because of the choice of his costume I would have placed him last, except for his singing, which I could not hear zippo but the judges and audience were nuts about.

On the subject of reporters doing their filings from their homes, I would like to suggest that whoever makes the decisions for the choice of these rooms being broadcast from should try to use better judgment in some cases. Or make that many cases. I cannot believe that at one time newscasts were held in highly sophisticated newscast sets compared to the present newscasts often from a home. They should have higher standards. I appreciate the personal nature of the newscasts in some cases, but I think the kitchen is a little too homie for earth shattering news. Or worse, out of their bedrooms! I am all for making the broadcasts more personal, but who wants or needs to see the work stations of a kitchen with cake domes, sinks, and ovens in the sets, or "non sets". No one watching a newscast expects or wants an atmosphere quite so personal, one could assume. Home offices, libraries, and living rooms are okay in most instances but bedrooms and kitchens are not appropriate. The next thing you know they will be coming from a bathroom! There should be a modicum of professionalism that one should assume.

Barking dogs and curled up purring cats are touching, but c'mon! There is no call for a dog seeking attention from his master on a newscast. Cute, but inappropriate. Then there is the question of being too professional in terms of sleek set designs. Currently there is a tendency for ultra professional; shiny set designs that go too far for the medium. I think glass or Lucite desk tops are not only annoying with all of their reflections and attempted indirect lighting, which shows the broadcaster's lower legs squished into the camera's range to include their tennis shoes with an otherwise appropriate suit or skirt. I am all for comfort, but I think tennis shoes with suits and dresses goes beyond the appropriate range. The worst part is the sense that it's all show business and not serious news-casting. A couch with four reporters uncomfortably sitting in a row is another annoying and impractical set design. They are lined up and trying to look casual in someone's living room with the women trying to keep their short skirts and knees together to camouflage the obvious challenge.The men in suits (good) and their white tennis shoes (bad). It's all in the name of "show business". These news shows are left begging for credibility. It's disgusting and inappropriate for me. I don't know why they don'tjust hire me for a consulting fee and then everything would be perfect!

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Minor injuries in collision between fire truck and ambulance

BY STAN MADDUX

An ambulance attempting a U-turn caused a collision with a fire truck just outside La Porte.

The crash happened just before 8 a.m. Sunday , Aug. 10, on U.S. 35 about 800 feet north of Johnson Road, according to La Porte County Police.

Police said the investigation shows both vehicles were responding to a report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries when both drivers while on their way were informed to disregard their need for services.

In response, police said the ambulance began conducting a U-Turn on U.S 35 but failed to see the oncoming Center Township fire truck.

The fire truck driver tried but was unable to avoid a collision.

A member of the ambulance crew was taken to the hospital complaining of pain to his left arm

The driver of the fire truck did not require immediate medical attention but sought treatment for a possible injury, police said.

The ambulance was towed from the scene.

La Porte County Emergency Medical Service Administrator Eric Fenstermaker would not comment on the alleged U-turn, citing the ongoing investigation.

Once the investigation is completed, Fenstermaker said the matter will be "handled accordingly."

Speedy trial granted to alleged killer

BY STAN MADDUX

A man arrested for a fatal shooting outside a bar and grill near Michigan City's lakefront has been granted a speedy trial.

Cevin Crawford, 27, of Michigan City is scheduled to stand trial for murder beginning Oct. 14.

He exercised the right of offenders to a fast and speedy trial by requesting it during his initial hearing on Aug. 7 in La Porte Superior Court 1.

Crawford is accused in the fatal shooting of Dante Sellers, 25, outside Matey's Restaurant on Aug. 3 at 110 Franklin St.

According to court documents, the two men were kicked out of the establishment for exchanging heated words before closing time.

About 10 to 15 minutes later, police said employees and patrons on the rooftop bar witnessed Sellers getting shot across the street by a man later identified as Crawford.

Sellers of La Porte passed away at a Chicago area hospital later in the day from a gunshot wound to the chest.

Police said cellphone video shows Crawford and Sellers were beside separate vehicles when gunshots started ringing out.

The video also shows Crawford had moved closer to Sellers when he shot him, police said.

The fatal shooting happened within a month after a 20 year old man died from a gunshot wound during a large gathering outside the BP gas station on E. Michigan Boulevard and bullets several days later struck the police department.

In response, Mayor Angie Nelson Deuitch said solutions to the gun violence are being sought from law enforcement, clergy, educators, business owners and youth advocates.

She also said such acts of violence have become a nationwide problem with arguments once settled with fists being addressed with gunfire.

"Right now, it feels like everybody just pulls out their gun and shoots. That's the part that's difficult," she said.

A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

Life in the Fast Lane...

Things were going well. Between script fees and my salary as the Care Bears' story editor, I was starting to make some serious bucks. I bought a new car – the BMW 325i almost every young person in the L.A. entertainment industry was driving; black, because my mother had always maintained "Black is the only suitable color for an automobile."

Because many car owners in L.A. had personalized plates, I secured one that read TV WRTR – a personalized plate I would maintain for over 40 years in five different states. Back in 1984, I thought the personalized plate looked pretty cool on my BMer. I was tooling along one Saturday on I-10, my window open when someone pulled alongside and called "Pretentious!" I smiled and calledback "Honest!" The driver frowned and sped off.

Being a television writer was different from being an accountant or a lawyer or a policeman. Television writers, even staff television writers, were only truly secure when they were working on a series. You could be employed one week and – poof! – out of work the very next week.

For now, I was living in the moment, and the moment said I was in the fast lane. I was enjoying my career in children's television and I was pulling in the bucks. So I took another leap and bought the condo I'd been leasing.

With Andy recovered from his engine-falling-off-the-plane-trauma, our trip to Ohio to meet the Those Characters From Cleveland execs was back on. Andy again insisted we take separate planes so if there was a crash we wouldn't both be killed. Something told me the real reason he wanted to take separate planes was because he would be flying first class and didn't want me bummed that I would be flying coach.

Andy hired a Lincoln Town Car to drive me to LAX -- a nice gesture; not as nice a gesture as flying me first class, but nice all the same. I got to the airport around eight, entered the terminal and headed to the check-in counters. A young woman in her late 20s or early 30s was behind one of the counters. She had long brown hair, nice eyes and soft features. I motioned several travelers past me so I could wait for her.

As I approached, she asked, "You checking in?"

As I hand her my ticket I asked, "Can you upgrade me to first class?"

She looked at the ticket and said, "You've got a coach ticket."

Smiling sheepishly, I offered, "Be nice. I write for the Care Bears TV series."

She suppressed a gasp and asked, "Are you putting me on?!"

I grinned. "Yeah, I go around all day telling people I write for the Care Bears so they'll be nice to me."

She leaned forward with, "Where do the Care Bears live?"

Without blinking, I answered, "Care-a-Lot."

"How do they get around?"

My grin got more toothy as I replied, "In Cloud Cars, of course."

Typing on her keyboard she said, "No one would go to that much trouble to make up a story." She handed me a new ticket with, "Seat 2-A. Have a good flight."

I took the ticket, told her, "Thanks for 'caring and sharing'," turned and headed for the concourse. I'm pretty sure Andy Heyward would approve.

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AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

Mental stimulation is important now. Intellectual challenges will be faced with enthusiasm and resolved in a quick fashion this week. You are on a roll and need to keep it moving. Expect that restless nature to become fully evident. Let it drive you to accomplish any long-standing chores.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Good perception and considerable intuitive vibes are coming your way this week. Your ability to identify with others' problems or issues are spot on. You have a natural compassionate side that makes you a valuable friend. Someone really needs you now, and it is time to be there and listen.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Situations may develop this week that could cause you to feel insecure about things you may have promised others. If you cannot deliver what you previously agreed to, take time to make that call and be honest about where you're at. Don't be afraid to ask for help or admit you are not prepared.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

This will be a very eventful week, filled with many business and social obligations. People around you will be receptive and helpful. Use this time to network and promote yourself. You have an uncanny ability to detach just enough to get a clearer picture on where the good connections really are.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Material affairs and issues of personal comfort are front and center this week. Your desire for luxury could cause you to make some extravagant purchases. Take caution and be sure to analyze your budget and cash flow before making large purchases. Check out a resale shop first for a better deal.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

There is nothing wrong with going solo sometimes. Turning your focus inward is important to finding out what you really want out of life. You cannot live someone else's dreams or fulfill their expectations if they are incongruent with your true self. Be who you are despite the difference.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Your stamina will continue this week. You have invested a lot of time and effort into self- improvement and now you are seeing results, and that is propelling you forward. Expect to feel that tiger like energy. Be proud of your accomplishments. Good moods and good vibrations abound.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

You have developed a strong circle of friends and with it a strong sense of belonging. This support structure will prove to be a huge source of strength over the week ahead. Your love-life could also improve through an introduction a friend makes. Let them play matchmaker and set it all up.

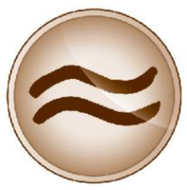
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

You may be feeling like you're missing something, or you are lacking an essential ingredient in some way. Do not fall into this trap. You have everything you need, available to you at all times. You are part of the divine, therefore complete and whole. All you have to do is reach out and grab it.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

You can easily over do things this week. Too much work, food, or even inactivity can seriously effects on your wellbeing. Keep things in moderation and strive for balance, even if it means doing things you don't like. Keeping a steady rhythm will give you a sense of security and wellbeing.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



Think twice before becoming verbally aggressive at this time. You have a tendency to be overly expressive with certain people in your life. This is not the time to blurt out anything that pops in your head. Quarrels come easy this week, so think about the repercussions before you speak.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

It will be easier for you to make decisions once you have talked things out with a friend. Utilize your support system. You do not have to go this alone. It may surprise you to know that other people have had this experience and are more than willing to extend a helping hand. Share the burden.

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18 Melville's captain
20 Pedestal for a bust
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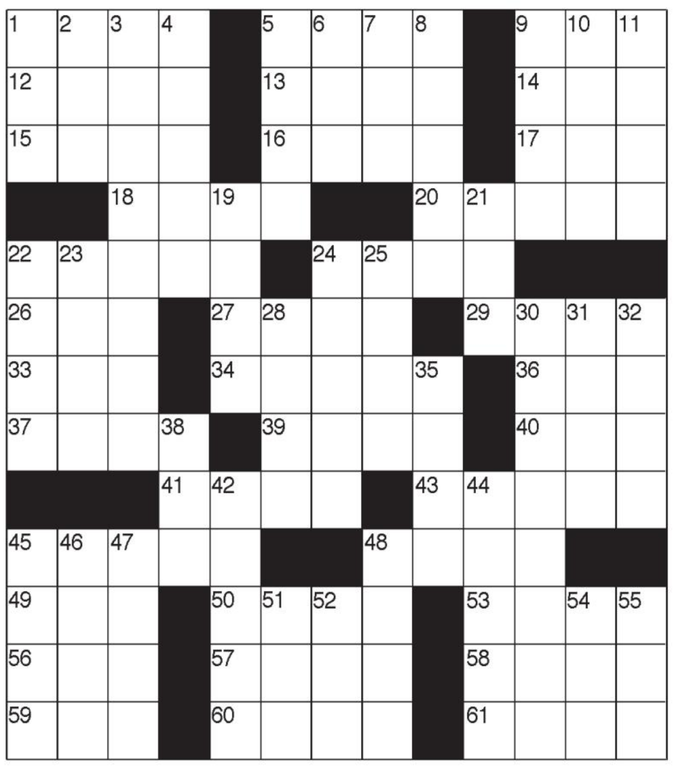

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THE HEALING BENEFITS OF HONEY

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Throughout the years, honey has been used medically to treat wounds and burns of all sorts. It is effective in painlessly cleaning up infection and dead cells, and in the development of new tissues. The use of honey as a medicine is mentioned in the most ancient writings.

When used in treatment of wounds, honey accelerates the healing process and prevents scarring. This is because honey stimulates the growth of epithelial cells that form the new skin over a healed wound.

Honey's anti-inflammatory action improves circulation and hastens the healing process. It also helps reduce painassociated with wounds or burns.

Thanks to its antimicrobial property, honey provides a protective barrier to prevent wounds becoming infected. It also rapidly clears any existing infection from wounds

Honey has been a natural skin care treatment throughout the ages. It is used in many facials for all skin types. It is a humectant, so it draws moisture into dry skin. It tones and tightens skin offering a more youthful appearance. It is good for oily skin as well, by nourishing and cleansing. Honey makes a great facial remedy for acne sufferers who have a problem with infections.

Although honey has been given to infants for centuries in many countries, Pediatricians recommend not giving honey to children under 12 months old. Honey may contain botulism spores in the soil where honeybees pollinate. To be safe, do not give to a child under one. After one year old, the intestines have matured enough to counteract these spores.

Honey is a natural composition of natural sugars like glucose and fructose. This unique mixture of sugars is the most effective means to remove fatigue and increase athletic performance. There is a very important difference between honey and cane sugar. Sugar enters the bloodstream only after undergoing changes in the digestive system, while honey can enter it immediately, with no need to be -digested first

Honey can crystallize if the moisture in the honey drops too low, which is caused by keeping it in prolonged exposure to sunlight and/or heat. You can reverse the crystallization by putting the honey in a heat-proof container and submerging in hot water till it thins.

When choosing honey, I am talking about pure raw local honey. Honey that has not been preserved, heated or processed. This is where the miraculous healing agents live. If it has been altered from nature, the healing benefits have been destroyed. Purchase local raw honey that is stored in glass jars, as plastic can leach toxins into the honey. It will never spoil, as it destroys bacteria. Bacteria cannot live in this superfood. It can be stored indefinitely.

PET OF THE WEEK

DONNY

Donny will love you as much as you'll love him, if not more. He is around a year old, fluffy, and charming as heck. As a Husky-mix, he is neutered, and his vaccinations are up-to-date. Donny has a cheerful personality, nows how to sit, and will gladly and politely take treats. He loves to be around people, may do well with cats, but might be dog selective. Donny is almost 65 pounds, and could be the lap dog you never knew you wanted. He might be hesitant around children, but you could make Donny part of your home.

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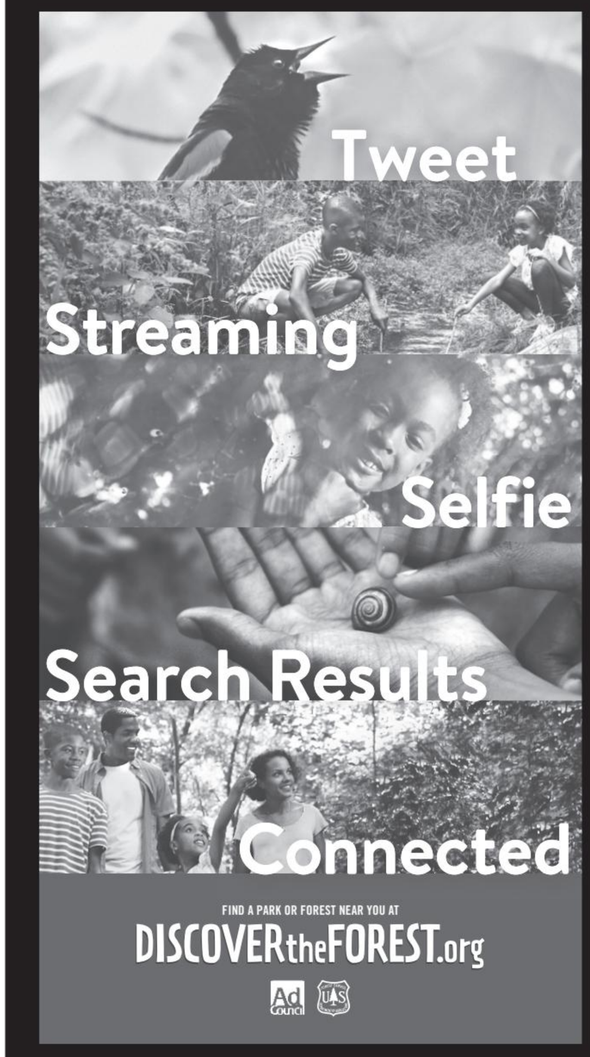

Burk's BBQ heating up a summer of flavor in New Buffalo

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Clay, Cassy and Joe Burk are ready to serve customers on Wilson Road in New Buffalo

Joe Burk was always barbecuing at gatherings with friends and family.

"A lot of people are constantly coming up to him: When are going to cook more pulled pork? When are you going to open up a pop up? When are you going to open up a food truck? When are you going to get a restaurant?" his wife Cassy said.

For two years in a row, the couple had done a successful pulled pork fundraiser for the River Valley Gearheads, the River Valley High School robotics team, of which their son, Clay, is a member. It was after they helped with a fundraiser for the Three Oaks Baseball Association that Cassy said that they decided to venture out on their own.

After working with the state and the county health department, as well as training Clay on the register, they set up a tent last month for their new business: Burk's BBQ, which is located at 13564 Wilson Road in New Buffalo.

The tent is in the front yard of Joe's grandmother's house. There, they serve mainly pulled pork and brisket, along with brisket or pork macaroni and cheese, baked beans, Cole slaw and nachos with tortilla chips that are topped with pulled pork, cheddar cheese and jalapenos and drizzled with sour cream and BBQ sauce.

Joe said he pours Revenge Barbecue Sauce out of New Carlisle, Indiana, on his meats. He also tops everything with his homemade Carolina sauce, which is a vinegar-based barbecue sauce.

Joe, who's originally from New Buffalo, said he and Cassy met while they were both students at River Valley High School.

In honor of the couple's 25th wedding anniversary, on Saturday, Aug. 9, they were running a Silver Anniversary Special at Burk's: A serving of brisket or pork and two sides.

"We're trying to run different specials and see how things work and just advertise to just come and be with us and eat with us," Cassy said.

As the pit master, Joe said he runs a gravity fed smoker.

"So, you have a charcoal chute with a fire underneath it and you can feed live wood into it, so your burning charcoal as your heat source and then you can add any kind of wood you'd infer for flavor," he said.

Joe said he prides himself on experimenting with different kinds of flavors and wood to smoke on.

"I joke that I've still made more brisket bad than I've made good but I'm getting to the point now where my good is better than my bad," he said.

In the future, Cassy and Joe said they'd like to try different events outside of being at the Wilson Road location.

"For right now, the tent's serving us pretty good," Joe said.

Burk's BBQ will be popping up from 11-6 p.m. Saturdays except for Labor Day weekend from now until mid-September. For more information, follow them on Facebook or instagram.com/burks.bbq.

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